

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

SHERMAIN RAINES,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:05CV221 RWS
)	
JOHN E. POTTER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on plaintiff's motion to add additional defendants to the complaint [#14]. I will deny the motion.

Plaintiff's motion lists eight additional persons that plaintiff would like to add to the complaint. Plaintiff, however, has not filed an amended pleading. As a result, plaintiff has not showed compliance with Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and I have no basis on which to grant the motion. Additionally, because defendant filed a responsive pleading prior the filing of plaintiff's motion, plaintiff must obtain leave of court or consent of defendant to amend the pleadings. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to add additional defendants to the complaint [#14] is **DENIED**.

Dated this 23rd Day of June, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney W. Sippel", written over a horizontal line.

RODNEY W. SIPPEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE